

MEMORANDUM FOR:

CIS Office

10 February 1954

Technical Services Staff

FROM

: Chief, Operations Staff, O/SI

SUBJECT

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1. Attached there is an CO-3 report concerning LSD, for your retention, which you may not have seen. Paragraph 7 has some interesting implications and I wonder whether you will want to follow-up on them or we should take action. When you have looked it over, could you phone me about this?

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report, particularly para. 1. In
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with the suggestion that he may
want to follow up.

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On 8 Dec 53 I had dinner in New York City with the source who is pharmaceutical.
now, I believe, the US representative of house. During the course of the evening, think a fair amount of
bourbon and led the conversation. He has a curious and tiresome tendency
to lard all that he has to say to me with flattery. On this occasion he
constantly referred to a fairly recent article of mine which appeared
in a scientific periodical and the impact of this article on pharmacological
thinking in Europe. I do not know what the point of this flattery was; prob-
ably nothing more than the fact that is a rather small
individual who has made his way in the world by getting on well with people.
Perhaps this is how he accomplishes it.

I.e. brought up the following matter in such a persistent way that
I could not help wondering just what his motives were. At a previous
meeting with Almost a year earlier in Washington, he brought up
the same matter in very much the same persistent way. So far no ready
explanation has occurred to me for his persistence other than that he is
keenly interested in the matter. After several drinks, he launched rather
roughly into the subject: (this quotation is accurate) "The Pont Saint
Louis 'seeger' is that it was not the bread at all. For weeks the French
did our laboratories with analyses of bread. It was not
at first, it was a delirium-tremor-like compound." He referred here
of course to the well-known episode in France where a good many villagers
were poisoned, so it was said, by ergot in the grain they used to make
bread. I asked him who was responsible to the people if it was not in
the bread, he replied that we do not know. He reviewed what he said to
me a year earlier in Washington that he thought the whole business was a
laurel experiment presumably by the French Government.

He talked further about LSD. "We [] are still very much interested in LSD." He went on to say, "one small reason I am here [] in the US [] is to dispose of our LSD." He said "if war breaks out our LSD will disappear."

I asked him casually if anybody else in Europe was interested in separating out the ergot alkaloids. He said that they were being produced by ~~the~~ large pharmaceutical firm in ~~the~~ *Belgium*.

I asked *him* if he had any new agents he might like me to test. He said, "one of our principal interests is in searching for an LSD antidote. We have a brom-LSD compound. In the waiting mice at least it checks the LSD's action. We do not yet know about its effect in man, as to whether it will act as an antidote to LSD." *remarks on this subject*
were very interesting to me because of a conversation I had in September 1953 with *him*, a pharmacological associate.

I had asked the same question of him during our meeting and he stated that they had a new lysergic acid derivative but that it had not turned out well.

Obviously did not wish to talk about the subject. It is possible, however, that the brom-LSD compound mentioned by *him* is the same as the one referred to so vaguely by *him*.

Since our meeting in early December 1953 *he* has returned to

It is interesting to speculate about the work of *him* and his wife in the ergot field. *He* is a very competent scientist and he and his wife originally used to collaborate on experiments on the ergot derivatives. His wife was formerly in love with a rather influential Communist in *the* *U.S.* This man, *is*, I believe, now dead but apparently his philosophy made a very deep impression on her and her present beliefs based on this former association have contributed I believe to the break-up of her marriage to *him* who is certainly no Communist. It would be interesting to know whether or not *his* wife has continued her Communist associations and also whether or not information on her husband's experiments have been passed on through any such associations.

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